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BY D. W. BATH.

"Not the last stroke, but every stroke brings victory." Let this be the Republican battle cry.—Corvallis Gazette.

The wife of "Buffalo Bill" is suing for a divorce, charging him with neglect and ill-treatment, affirming that her "hubby" very much prefers a younger woman for his companion on his tours of the country.

Boston is arranging for another benefit for the pugilist, John L. Sullivan who is reported to be going blind. His admiring friends of Boston will raise the money to defray his doctor's expenses. Sullivan has raked in about \$400,000 in his time.

Paul Delaney, of the Baker City Herald, engaged in an altercation with a mining man named Small, one day last week. Delaney struck Small over the head with a printer's shooting stick which he had in his hand, inflicting a scalp wound six inches long. Both men were arrested, but only Delaney was held by the authorities.

The heavy fall of snow in the mountains has been melting rapidly the past week and all streams are running high. The Willamette and Columbia rivers are at high-water mark, though there seems to be no danger of a flood. Cautious people along the water fronts are preparing for the regular high water at this time of the year.

Mrs. Cecelia DeNottbeck, aged 75, of Fishkill, N. Y., a granddaughter of the late John Jacob Astor, has been reported insane. Her estate is valued at a million dollars. Much secrecy was involved when the case was brought into the courts last Friday. Great wealth does not always bring happiness, nor health.

We are a trifle modest, but we can't refrain from reprinting the following from the Wasco News:

We notice by the last issue, that the Hillsboro Independent "has taken a much needed bath," it having changed hands again, Mr. D. W. Bath, of Minnesota, being the new editor and proprietor. The Independent is now one of the neatest and newest papers on our exchange list, as its appearance has been bettered 100 per cent. since Mr. Bath took charge.

After a fifteen days session in Portland the Federal Grand Jury was discharged last Saturday. Most of the time was occupied in the investigation of the land fraud cases. A thorough ventilation of the alleged violations of the law in Oregon has brought to light astonishing facts. Much of the rottenness among the land deals is attributed to the faulty laws, and a communication was drafted by the grand jury to the secretary of the interior denouncing the present land laws and urging a repeal of them.

In nearly every paper one reads of the large immigration to this Northwest country from the East and Middle West. There is plenty of room here, and a hearty welcome awaits all classes of desirable new-comers, such as is seldom extended to settlers farther East, as we can personally testify to. In many places in the East a stranger is made to feel that he is intruding upon the already well populated community in which he chooses to locate. Although most of the people living in this coast country are old settlers, yet they are ready and anxious to extend the hand of welcome to all new-comers, if they are of a desirable class.

The Yamhill County Reporter says that the women teachers of the Hood River public schools have decided upon a novel outing for vacation. They are to leave Hood River station and walk the railroad track to Portland, a distance of 65 miles. The Hotel Portland is to be the terminus of the journey. Arrangements are already being made for accommodations along the route for eating houses and places to stay over night. The women will wear bloomers and intend to cover every mile of the 65 on foot. The pretty school ma'ams have begun training for their long walk.

What an excellent example the state of Minnesota sets for either of the Pacific Coast states! While its fruit producing ability is far below the states of the coast, there are almost 1,500 members in the State Horticultural Society. The coast states barely have enough members in their societies to hold them from disbanding. We hear much complaint from our fruit growers because things go wrong. Why should they not go wrong, when each grower is fighting or taking absolutely no interest in the affairs of his neighbors—Northwest Pacific Farmer.

If the members of the State Horticultural Society of Oregon took the interest in their society that the members do in the state of Minnesota, they too would have a large and thriving state organization. The Minnesota Horticulturists are ever on the alert to promulgate their advancement and their annual meetings in the Twin Cities are very largely attended. The programs, which are prepared expressly for these important events, are made prominent and are participated in by eminent men of the state who are extending information of value to the organization. Much is gained by their co-operation and encouragement.

Recent reports show that passenger business on the trans-Atlantic steamers is reaching enormous proportions, over 5,000 immigrants being landed at Ellis Island last Monday, and over 4,900 on the preceding day, with enough due later in the week to bring the total up to more than 22,000. This enormous immigration must find homes and Oregon is sure to get its share. The weekly arrivals number into the tens of thousands, and most of the foreigners are looking toward the setting sun.

At the age of 90 years, says a dispatch, Samuel Mowery sacrificed his life at Washington, N. J., to save William Drake, aged 80, from burning to death. They were in a meadow burning off dead grass and Drake discovered that his clothing was on fire. He tottered and fell, crying for aid. Mowery hastened to him and tried to beat out the flames with his cap and bare hands. Too weak to carry the victim, Mowery managed to roll him over several times, then fell senseless, overcome by the smoke and his exertions. No person was within hailing distance and Mowery perished in the flames. Members of the family found both men lying in the charred rubbish several hours later. Mowery was burned to a crisp, but Drake may recover.

Dick Rodgers, of Kings Valley, was severely injured by a falling limb, while working in the Simpson logging camp.

Joseph Graham, a pioneer citizen of Ontario, dropped dead at his home last Sunday, aged 83 years. He was engaged in cutting kindling wood, and his wife, who happened in the back yard, found the old gentleman lying dead with the ax in his hand. Death was due to heart failure.

The 2-year-old son of F. W. Metcalf, of Ontario, Or., superintendent of the K. S. & D. fruit farm at Arcadia, met a sad fate last Sunday. The little fellow was playing about the yard and in some manner gained admittance to an enclosure filled with numerous stands of bees. The bees immediately attacked him and before help arrived he was stung so fatally that he died shortly after.

On a Strike. Des Moines, Iowa, March 31.—Thirteen thousand five hundred miners in this state went on strike this morning on account of the proposed reduction in the scale of wages. Every mine in the state is closed. The scale committee met this morning and perfunctorily announced the result of their disagreement with the operators, who now claim they will reopen only on open principles. Half a million tons of coal are on hand and the men have \$80,000 in the treasury. The prospects are for a long and bitter fight against the reduction of the scale.

Correspondents. Wanted in every section of the county to send news to The Independent. We want news every week—will you send it? We furnish the paper and postage, and will send you The Independent.

Eggs for Sale. White Plymouth Rock eggs for sale, 50 cents per setting of 13—Mrs. L. W. House, p 22

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Full Ticket Nominated—Complete Proceedings.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

- For Senator, E. W. HAINES, of Forest Grove. For Representatives, A. B. FLINT, of Seaside, W. K. NEWELL, of Dilly, W. S. BARNES, of Beaverton. For County Clerk, J. W. MORGAN, of Hillsboro. For Sheriff, JOHN W. CONNELL, of Glencoe. For Recorder, E. L. KURATLI, of Phillips. For Treasurer, WM. M. JACKSON, of Dilly. For Assessor, GEO. W. WILCOX, of Hillsboro. For Surveyor, A. A. MORRILL, of Hillsboro. Supt. of Schools, M. C. CASE, of Gales Creek. For Coroner, E. C. BROWN, of Hillsboro. For Commissioner, C. B. BUCHANAN, Cornelius.

The Republican county convention held in this city yesterday brought an immense crowd to town and the streets of Hillsboro had a regular Fourth of July celebration appearance. Delegates commenced to arrive early and by the time the convention was called to order a full delegation from all parts of the county was on hand. The convention, like all republican gatherings, passed off pleasantly, though spirited, and the best of feeling continued throughout the day. The republicans met for a purpose, accomplished that purpose, and adjourned. On election day the voters will ratify the action of their delegates and Washington county will swing into line the same old Republican county as of yore. The proceedings of the convention follows:

The convention was called to order at 10:45 a. m., by Benton Bowman, chairman of the county central committee. The official call was read by J. A. Thornburgh, secretary. Hon. G. W. Marsh, of Cornelius precinct, was elected temporary chairman by acclamation, as was also Prof. C. E. Bradley of Forest Grove, and John Becker, Jr., secretary and assistant secretary, respectively.

On motion a committee of five on credentials were appointed, as follows:

- H. T. Buxton, W. L. Moore, M. C. Lincoln, J. A. Chapman, John Johnson.

A committee on permanent organization and order of business, consisting of the following delegates was appointed: J. W. Hughes, Wm. Bagley, A. S. Vaughn, F. T. Kane, S. B. Huston. Adjournment was then taken to 1 o'clock.

On re-assembling, the temporary organization was made permanent, and the credential committee's report adopted.

On motion eight tellers were appointed by the chair.

On motion, a committee of five was appointed to select delegates to the congressional convention, and a like committee to name delegates to the state convention, with permission to report at any time in the session.

E. W. Haines and W. D. Wood were placed in nomination for senator. The ballot resulted in the nomination of Haines.

B. F. Purdy, Arthur Flint, W. K. Newell and Benton Bowman were placed in nomination for representatives.

Flint was nominated on second ballot.

Newell was nominated on third ballot, and Barnes on the last.

E. J. Goodman, E. L. McCormick and J. W. Morgan were then placed in nomination for county clerk. Morgan was nominated on the first ballot.

J. W. Connell, E. B. Sappington and Samuel Galbreath were named as candidates for sheriff. Connell was nominated on first ballot.

E. J. Kuratli, the present recorder of conveyances without opposition.

C. C. Hoopes, A. B. Todd, R. Matteson and C. B. Buchanan were presented for county commissioner. Buchanan was duly nominated.

Wm. Jackson, the present county treasurer, was nominated without opposition.

County Assessor Geo. W. Wilcox and Surveyor A. A. Morgan were renominated.

John Hohman, H. A. Ball and M. C. Case were placed in nomination for school superintendent and Mr. Case went in on first ballot.

E. C. Brown was nominated for coroner. Following are the delegates named:

- CONGRESSIONAL. B. C. Cornelius, John McNamer, H. T. Buxton, W. D. Smith, A. Briggs, J. W. Goodwin, Fred Hamel, W. J. Barnes, G. W. Marsh, John Milne, E. Savage, Fred Olds, J. C. Buchanan. STATE CONVENTION. B. F. Purdy, W. N. Barrett, Fred Schoen, J. Nyberg, C. W. Allen, S. B. Huston, E. J. Lyons, J. A. Thornburgh, A. Briggs, E. W. Haines, Will Bellinger, John F. Carstens, J. H. Collier.

Resolutions were adopted endorsing Circuit Judge T. A. McBride and District Attorney Harrison Allen for re nomination.

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FROM THE CAPITAL CITY

That Oregon is making industrial progress, is most graphically shown by consulting the records in the Secretary of State's office where tab is kept on corporations. During the month of February, 29 days, 61 articles of incorporation were filed and during the month of March, 50 were filed. The present law requiring corporations to report went into effect May 21, 1903. Since that date up to the 1st of April, 385 domestic concerns have filed articles of incorporation. During the same time foreign corporations, that is, institutions not organized within the state to the number of 195 have filed declarations of intention to do business within the state. Not all of these are new for some were in business here where the new law went into effect. They had to file their intentions in order to continue in the State. At first the law was not very cordially received, but the objections are not so pronounced now. Take the foreign corporations. Before the law was on the statutes, they paid not a cent for the privilege of transacting business within the state, notwithstanding they had all the protection that our very favorable laws granted to domestic concerns. Now the 200 corporations pay a license of \$10,000 for the privilege of state existence and on additional annual tax of about \$20,000.

They thus for the past year have enriched the state treasury by the sum of about \$30,000. The whole corporation tax, foreign and domestic, amounts annually to about \$100,000 or \$110,000, fully a sixth of the tax required to pay the expense of the state government. The law has been quite favorably received by all companies except mining corporations, and even the miners who have on ore body are satisfied since a receipt shows the payment of the tax gives them a standing in the business world. It is the undeveloped Wild Cat mines that are roaring.

The attorney General, a few days ago, rendered a discussion that generally approved by the patrons of the common schools.

A practice introducing and using text books not listed by the school book commission was growing especially in the city schools. This was done under the name of auxiliary book or supplemental books, sometimes, the teacher alone had the book or books and sometimes the children. Their parents and guardians complained of the burden of being compelled to buy books. County Superintendent Ackerman asked Attorney General Crawford if the law authorized the use of books not listed by the Book Commission. He answers "No." He arrives at his conclusion by this reasoning:

"Text books for our schools have been selected by a committee selected and appointed because of their supposed special knowledge of the kind of text books best adapted to the needs of the schools of the state, and to allow teachers who seem to think the commission has made a mistake in some book to substitute some other book or system, would nullify the work of the commission and destroy the uniformity in the text books intended by the law. Also to allow teachers to supplement the work by teaching some other system in ad-

dition to the system established by the commission, would have the same effect. It would to some extent confuse the minds of the pupils, and if teachers were to be given that much latitude, they could, if they wish, teach very little from the books selected by the commission, and put in most of the time on books selected by themselves.

The text books having been selected by a commission chosen from the best educators of the state, it is fair to presume their judgment is as good as the judgment of any one individual. However, that is not the real question. The text books are selected as the law directs and in pursuance thereof, and no other book can be substituted except in the manner provided by the statute, therefore both of your questions must in my judgment be answered in the affirmative. To allow the requests, would permit teachers to violate the law, which would be objectionable."

GAULT.

REFEREE'S SALE.

Notice is Hereby Given

That, by virtue of a decree and order of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County, duly made and entered on March 21, 1904, in a suit wherein Christian Melzer, Fred Melzer, her husband, Anna Margaret Niermann, and Carl Niermann, her husband, Herman Pape, and John Pape, were plaintiffs, and Adolph Lubron, Anna Crawford, and D. J. Crawford, her husband, Louis Pape, Katie Mersinger, (formerly Katie Pape), and Jan K. Mersinger, her husband, were defendants, appointed me, the undersigned, a referee to sell the hereinafter described real estate, I will, on Saturday, May 7, 1904, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the south door of the Court House in Hillsboro, Oregon, sell at Public Auction, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the following described real estate, to-wit: The South East quarter of the North East quarter of Section 30, Township Two South, Range One West of the Will. Mer., and particularly described as follows, to-wit: Commencing ten rods West of the quarter post between Sections 20 and 21, in Township Two South, Range One West of the Will. Mer., in Washington County, Oregon, and running West 70 rods, thence South 100 rods, thence East 71 rods, thence North 100 rods to the place of beginning, containing 40.95 acres. Each of said tracts will be sold separately and sale will be subject to confirmation by said court. Witness my hand this April 6, 1904. BENTON BOWMAN, Referee.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been by the County Court of Washington County, Oregon, duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of James P. Lilly, deceased, and has duly qualified as such executor. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, to me, at my residence at Gales Creek, Washington County, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof. Dated at Hillsboro, Oregon, this March 25th, 1904. HARRETT J. LILLY, Executor of the last will and testament of James P. Lilly, Deceased. M. BAILEY BUMP, Attorney for estate.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of Washington County, Oregon, his final account and report as administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of Samuel C. Snider deceased, and that said court has set the same for final hearing before said court on Monday, April 18, 1904, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. J. C. COOK, Administrator of the Estate of Samuel C. Snider deceased, with the Will of said deceased annexed. BENTON BOWMAN, Attorney for Admr.

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